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1. The Stalin Chemical Factory is located at Most, formerly Brůx. The offices are in Most, while the factory itself is in Maltheuern (Záluží). The firm was founded after World War II as a state enterprise. The factory is equipped with modern Czech machines. The office workers number 160, the work force is one thousand to 1,200 persons.
2. Only Communist Party members are accepted as workers.
3. The factory is carefully guarded, the guard force being 200 persons, most of whom wear civilian clothes. In addition there are secret police in the factory itself and in the area around it. Unknown persons are carefully examined.
4. During 1952 there were serious accidents, which were attributed to sabotage by "enemies of the people", but it was impossible to establish whether there was genuine sabotage or not. There was no publicity about either the accidents or the inquiry, but it was said that there were 16 or 18 dead and about 50 injured, and after the inquiry about 30 persons were dismissed as unreliable.
5. The factory does not have its own generators, but gets electricity from the state high tension line. It is connected with Maltheuern station by a spur railroad line. It is also served by its own trucks.
6. The Stalin works is a very important factory, which makes synthetic gasoline, aviation gas (of which 40 percent goes to the Czech Air Force, the rest to unknown destinations), and industrial gases in tanks.
7. There was formerly a small and unimportant chemical factory at Rybitow. Since 1948 it has been reconstructed and enlarged into the largest and most modern chemical factory in Czechoslovakia. The work force is about eight thousand, and it occupies a territory of four sq km. In combination with the Explosia factory of Semtin and the Una undertaking it forms a state trust. All these make explosives and synthetic materials. The Rybitow combine is guarded by 250 militia.

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